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a sealing member between the first and second transparent substrates for providing a liquid crystal injecting area, for forming a gap, and for sealing the liquid crystal in the gap; and

a conductive light-cutting film on at least one of the first and second transparent substrates for cutting off unnecessary light at an image area and peripheral portion thereof;

wherein separation slits for dividing the light-cutting film into a plurality of portions are provided in a peripheral area outside of the image area, so as to surround said image area, and in which the light-cutting film is superposed with the sealing member.

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12. (Twice Amended) A liquid crystal apparatus with leak current preventing function, comprising:

first and second transparent substrates provided opposite to each other;

first and second imaging electrodes, each formed on an opposite inner surface of the first and second transparent substrates;

a sealing member between the first and second transparent substrates for providing a liquid crystal injecting area, for forming a gap, and for sealing the liquid crystal in the gap; and

a plurality of conductive particles included dispersedly within the sealing member;

a drive lead electrode formed at a position covered by the sealing member;

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a dummy electrode formed opposite to at least a part of the drive lead electrode, at the position in which the first and second transparent substrates are covered by the sealing member; and

a conductive light-cutting film on at least one of the first and second transparent substrates for cutting off unnecessary light at an image area and peripheral portion thereof;

wherein the dummy electrode is divided by a plurality of slits, and further, a separation slit for dividing the light-cutting film into a plurality of portions is provided in a peripheral area outside of the image area and in which the light-cutting film is superposed with the sealing member.

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23. (Amended) A liquid crystal apparatus with leak current preventing function, comprising:

first and second transparent substrates provided opposite to each other;

first and second transparent imaging electrodes, each formed on an opposite inner surface of the first and second transparent substrates;

a sealing member provided between the first and second transparent substrates for providing a liquid crystal injecting area and forming a gap in order to seal the liquid crystal therebetween;

a plurality of conductive particles included dispersedly within the sealing member;

a drive lead electrode formed on position covered by the sealing member between the first and second transparent substrates; and

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